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# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## CONSOLIDATED PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 3, 2020

### SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**Instructions to Voters:** To vote for all of the electors of a party, fill in the oval next to the names of the presidential and vice presidential candidates of that party. A filled oval next to the name of a party and its presidential and vice presidential candidate, is a vote for all of the electors of that party, but for no other candidates. For all other contests, to vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the candidate's name. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the write-in line and write in the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than the number of candidates allowed. To vote on a measure, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" or the word "NO". Marking the ballot outside of the designated space to vote for a candidate or measure may compromise the secrecy of the ballot. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to get another.

TO VOTE, USE BALLPOINT PEN WITH DARK INK TO FILL IN THE OVAL COMPLETELY LIKE THIS: ●

<b>PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES</b> The party label accompanying the name of a candidate for party-nominated office on the general election ballot means that the candidate is the official nominee of the party shown.	<b>MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY</b> <b>35TH DISTRICT</b> Vote for One	<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b> Vote for no more than Two
	<b>PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DAWN ADDIS</b> <input type="radio"/> Party Preference: Democratic Teacher/City Councilmember
<b>PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b> Vote for One Party	<b>JORDAN CUNNINGHAM</b> <input type="radio"/> Party Preference: Republican Assemblymember/Small Businessman	<b>BRET HEINEMANN</b> <input type="radio"/> Writer
<b>HOWIE HAWKINS</b> <input type="radio"/> For President <b>ANGELA NICOLE WALKER</b> <input type="radio"/> For Vice President Green	<b>NONPARTISAN</b>	<b>NICHOLAS MATTSON</b> <input type="radio"/> Small Businessman/Publisher
<b>JO JORGENSEN</b> <input type="radio"/> For President <b>JEREMY "SPIKE" COHEN</b> <input type="radio"/> For Vice President Libertarian	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>MARK DARIZ</b> <input type="radio"/> Architect/Planning Commissioner
<b>JOSEPH R. BIDEN</b> <input type="radio"/> For President <b>KAMALA D. HARRIS</b> <input type="radio"/> For Vice President Democratic	<b>SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT</b>	<b>TORI KEEN</b> <input type="radio"/> Planning Commissioner/Paralegal
<b>DONALD J. TRUMP</b> <input type="radio"/> For President <b>MICHAEL R. PENCE</b> <input type="radio"/> For Vice President Republican	<b>GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5</b> Vote for One	Write-in _____ <input type="radio"/>
<b>GLORIA LA RIVA</b> <input type="radio"/> For President <b>SUNIL FREEMAN</b> <input type="radio"/> For Vice President Peace And Freedom	<b>MARY T. STROBRIDGE</b> <input type="radio"/> Incumbent	Write-in _____ <input type="radio"/>
<b>ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE GUERRA</b> <input type="radio"/> For President <b>KANYE OMARI WEST</b> <input type="radio"/> For Vice President American Independent	<b>BRIAN KENNELLY</b> <input type="radio"/> Professor	<b>MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS</b>
Write-in _____ <input type="radio"/>	Write-in _____ <input type="radio"/>	<b>STATE</b>
<b>VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES</b> All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.	<b>ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>14 AUTHORIZES BONDS CONTINUING STEM CELL RESEARCH. INITIATIVE STATUTE.</b> Authorizes \$5.5 billion state bonds for: stem cell and other medical research, including training; research facility construction; administrative costs. Dedicates \$1.5 billion to brain-related diseases. Appropriates General Fund moneys for repayment. Expands related programs. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds estimated at about \$260 million per year over the next roughly 30 years.
<b>UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE</b> <b>24TH DISTRICT</b> Vote for One	<b>GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER</b> Vote for no more than Three	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>ANDY CALDWELL</b> <input type="radio"/> Party Preference: Republican Government Watchdog	<b>VY PIERCE</b> <input type="radio"/> Parent/Community Volunteer	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>SALUD CARBAJAL</b> <input type="radio"/> Party Preference: Democratic Member of Congress	<b>TERRI E. SWITZER</b> <input type="radio"/> Incumbent	<b>15 INCREASES FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.</b> Taxes such properties based on current market value, instead of purchase price. Fiscal Impact: Increased property taxes on commercial properties worth more than \$3 million providing \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion in new funding to local governments and schools.
<b>STATE SENATOR</b> <b>17TH DISTRICT</b> Vote for One	<b>MARY KAY MILLS</b> <input type="radio"/> Incumbent	<b>YES</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>JOHN LAIRD</b> <input type="radio"/> Party Preference: Democratic Natural Resources Secretary	<b>CORINNE C. KUHNLE</b> <input type="radio"/> Incumbent	<b>NO</b> <input type="radio"/>
<b>VICKI NOHRDEN</b> <input type="radio"/> Party Preference: Republican Businesswoman	Write-in _____ <input type="radio"/>	
	<b>CITY</b>	
	<b>CITY OF ATASCADERO</b>	
	<b>MAYOR</b> Vote for One	
	<b>JERRY TANIMOTO</b> <input type="radio"/> Small Business Owner	
	<b>HEATHER L. MORENO</b> <input type="radio"/> Mayor/CPA/Businesswoman	
	<b>JOSH DONOVAN</b> <input type="radio"/> Small Business Owner	
	Write-in _____ <input type="radio"/>	

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**16** **ALLOWS DIVERSITY AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND CONTRACTING DECISIONS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Permits government decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in order to address diversity by repealing constitutional provision prohibiting such policies. Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state and local entities. The effects of the measure depend on the future choices of state and local government entities and are highly uncertain.

YES

NO

**17** **RESTORES RIGHT TO VOTE AFTER COMPLETION OF PRISON TERM. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Restores voting rights upon completion of prison term to persons who have been disqualified from voting while serving a prison term. Fiscal Impact: Annual county costs, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars statewide, for voter registration and ballot materials. One-time state costs, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, for voter registration cards and systems.

YES

NO

**18** **AMENDS CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT 17-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS IF THEY WILL TURN 18 BY THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND BE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Fiscal Impact: Increased statewide county costs likely between several hundreds of thousands of dollars and \$1 million every two years. Increased one-time costs to the state of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

YES

NO

**19** **CHANGES CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RULES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.** Allows homeowners who are over 55, disabled, or wildfire/disaster victims to transfer primary residence's tax base to replacement residence. Changes taxation of family-property transfers. Establishes fire protection services fund. Fiscal Impact: Local governments could gain tens of millions of dollars of property tax revenue per year, probably growing over time to a few hundred million dollars per year. Schools could receive similar property tax gains.

YES

NO

**20** **RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE NON-VIOLENT. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED ONLY AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Limits access to parole program established for non-violent offenders who have completed the full term of their primary offense by eliminating eligibility for certain offenses. Fiscal Impact: Increase in state and local correctional, court, and law enforcement costs likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation.

YES

NO

YES

NO

**21** **EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Allows local governments to establish rent control on residential properties over 15 years old. Local limits on rate increases may differ from statewide limit. Fiscal Impact: Overall, a potential reduction in state and local revenues in the high tens of millions of dollars per year over time. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or more.

YES

NO

**22** **EXEMPTS APP-BASED TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN DRIVERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Classifies app-based drivers as "independent contractors," instead of "employees," and provides independent-contractor drivers other compensation, unless certain criteria are met. Fiscal Impact: Minor increase in state income taxes paid by rideshare and delivery company drivers and investors.

YES

NO

**23** **ESTABLISHES STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. REQUIRES ON-SITE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Requires physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant on site during dialysis treatment. Prohibits clinics from reducing services without state approval. Prohibits clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source. Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local government costs likely in the low tens of millions of dollars annually.

YES

NO

**24** **AMENDS CONSUMER PRIVACY LAWS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.** Permits consumers to: prevent businesses from sharing personal information, correct inaccurate personal information, and limit businesses' use of "sensitive personal information," including precise geolocation, race, ethnicity, and health information. Establishes California Privacy Protection Agency. Fiscal Impact: Increased annual state costs of at least \$10 million, but unlikely exceeding low tens of millions of dollars, to enforce expanded consumer privacy laws. Some costs would be offset by penalties for violating these laws.

YES

NO

**25** **REFERENDUM ON LAW THAT REPLACED MONEY BAIL WITH SYSTEM BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND FLIGHT RISK.** A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, law replacing money bail with system based on public safety and flight risk. Fiscal Impact: Increased costs possibly in mid hundreds of millions of dollars annually for a new process for release from jail prior to trial. Decreased county jail costs, possibly in high tens of millions of dollars annually.

YES

NO

YES

NO

**SCHOOL**

**ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**C-20** To expand vocational/career education facilities for programs including engineering, technology, robotics, construction trades and agricultural science; improve school security/student safety; upgrade school emergency preparedness; build additional school facilities as needed; and create local construction jobs; shall Atascadero Unified School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$40 million of bonds with legal interest rates, levies averaging less than five cents per \$100 assessed valuation for 14 years (\$3.3 million/year for bond repayment), annual audits and independent oversight?

BONDS - YES

BONDS - NO

**CITY**

**CITY OF ATASCADERO**

**D-20** To provide funding for fire protection, paramedics, and 911 emergency response, police, crime prevention and investigations, maintenance of parks, public facilities and infrastructure, graffiti removal, and recreation, community services, and other general city services in the City of Atascadero, shall an ordinance establishing a one-percent sales tax be adopted, providing approximately 4.5 million dollars annually for city services until ended by voters, with annual independent audits ensuring money is spent properly, and all money locally controlled?

YES

NO

YES

NO





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# County of San Luis Obispo

Presidential General Election  
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

## VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

- In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders and new legislation, all voters are sent Vote By Mail (VBM) ballots to combat COVID-19.
- Your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** and your Voter Information Guide are contained in this VBM packet.
- **This will be the only official mailing from the County.** There is no sample ballot in this booklet since your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** is included. If you desire a copy of the ballot, refer to instructions on the next page or contact us and one will be provided.
- **The deadline for return of VBM ballots is 8:00pm, Tuesday, November 3, 2020.** You can:
  - Return your ballot by mail. Be sure it is postmarked on or before Election Day. No postage necessary.
  - Return your ballot in person to the Clerk-Recorder's offices, or to any **VBM Ballot Drop Box** located in the County listed in the Voting Instructions.
- During the four days of voting between October 31 – November 3, return your ballot or vote in person at a **Voter Service Center**, also listed in your Voting Instructions.
- Contact the **Clerk-Recorder** at (805) 781-5228 or [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us) with any questions.

[www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)



**Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for instructions on how to complete your Vote By Mail (VBM) ballot and locations of VBM Ballot Drop Boxes and Voter Service Centers.**

## **FOR A COPY OF A SAMPLE BALLOT**

1. To locate your ballot type, look at the top left corner of your ballot for your ballot type number (i.e. BT1, BT2, etc.)
2. Go to [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com), click on the November Election page, click on Sample Ballots, then select your specific Ballot Type.
3. You can then print the sample ballot and mark it before your final voting on your VBM ballot.
4. Bringing a completed sample ballot is recommended if you decide to vote at a Voter Service Center during the final four days of voting. Locations will be open from October 31 - November 3.

## **POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS**

Parties may provide a list of candidates who have received the official endorsement of the party for printing in this booklet.

Party	Contests	Candidate
American Independent	U.S. Representative, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dist	Andy Caldwell
Democratic	U.S. Representative, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dist State Senate, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dist State Assembly, 35 <sup>th</sup> Dist	Salud Carbajal John Laird Dawn Addis
Republican	U.S. Representative, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dist State Senate, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dist State Assembly, 35 <sup>th</sup> Dist	Andy Caldwell Vicki Nohrden Jordan Cunningham

\* The order of parties follows the Randomized Alphabet Drawing conducted by the County.

\* Note: Not all political parties provided an endorsement list.



TOMMY GONG  
COUNTY CLERK -RECORDER

# DEVELOP A SAFE VOTING PLAN

To keep voters and election workers safe and limit the spread of COVID-19, voters are encouraged to vote the VBM ballot sent to them in the mail. The public health situation is serious, and the virus is expected to remain disruptive throughout this election season. By voting from home, you will ensure safety for not only yourself but others as well.

You can help keep voting locations safe for voters and election workers in these three ways:

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## Skip the Line

Return your voted Vote By Mail ballot **by mail** (no postage necessary), at a secure **VBM Ballot Drop Box**, or at a **Voter Service Center**, which will have separate lines for voters dropping off completed ballots.

**Voters who can Vote By Mail will help ensure safe physical distancing at voting locations.**

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## Vote Early

Voting locations will offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance for four days from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Election Day.

If you visit a voting location in person, **go before Election Day** to help maintain physical distancing and avoid lines.

## Follow Safety Procedures

Protect your health and the health of other voters and election workers at voting locations by taking the following precautions:

### VOTING LOCATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Wear a face covering** while at the voting location.
- Keep 2 arms' length distance** from other people.
- Use hand sanitizer** before entering and after leaving a Voter Service Center.
- Bring your own ballpoint pen** to avoid touching high-contact surfaces.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS

The Help America Vote Act requires first time voters to show identification when voting. If you registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003 and have not previously voted in San Luis Obispo County you may be required to show your current valid photo I.D. or a copy of one of the following that shows your name and address when you go to the polls on election day: Current Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Government Check, Government Paycheck, or a Government Document. The same requirement applies if you are voting by mail. You will be required to send a copy of one of the above with your voted Vote By Mail ballot. If you have questions about your status as a First Time Voter, contact us.

# VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include any/all of the following items:

- Candidates' Statements
- Ballot Measure(s)
- Impartial Analysis
- Fiscal Impact/Tax Rate Statement(s)
- Arguments and Rebuttals In Support of or In Opposition To Ballot Measures

This pamphlet section may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Ballot/Sample Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

Please note that all the statements printed in Spanish, at the candidates' request, follow the English statements for that same contest.

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

## Campaign Finance Reform

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidate listed below has pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local sample ballot pamphlet, at their own expense.

17<sup>th</sup> Senate District Candidate  
John Laird  
Vicki Nohrden

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**ANDY CALDWELL**

**Occupation:** Government Watchdog

**Education and Qualifications:** America is the land of freedom, liberty, and opportunity, but it is under attack. I will work to restore and preserve our freedom, rebuild our economy, protect law and order, and bring common sense to Congress on behalf of all residents of San Luis Obispo County.

I grew up poor, the son of an immigrant mother and a father shattered by the torture of the Bataan Death March that led to his premature death when I was 9 years old. The American Dream was my dream and the only hope I had to build a better life.

I am running for Congress because America faces not just one, but multiple crises. Our livelihoods, communities, and freedoms are at risk, putting in jeopardy the well-being of our seniors, veterans, and families. I will stand up for San Luis Obispo County to protect the values and institutions that made America the beacon of hope for generations.

None of this is new for me! I have been a Central Coast watchdog and taxpayer advocate for the past 30 years, leading a non-partisan coalition of labor, agriculture and business working together to fight corruption and waste and to create more opportunity and higher wages for everyone. I have a record of getting things done!

We can protect our homes and our liberty, expand education choices, and rebuild our economy to create more jobs and prosperity for everyone in San Luis Obispo County. However, we will need to work together. Learn more at [www.AndyCaldwell2020.com](http://www.AndyCaldwell2020.com).

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Occupation:** Member of Congress

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm Salud Carbajal, and I'm honored to stand up for our Central Coast values as your representative in Congress.

As a husband, father, and Marine Corps veteran, I am committed to serving our community and country. I attended UCSB while working two jobs to become the first in my family to graduate from a university. My wife, Gina, and I have raised our children here.

I know families are struggling and concerned about the effects of COVID-19 on our health, jobs, and local economy.

I'm working to protect healthcare and ensure it remains affordable and accessible during this pandemic. I helped secure \$77 million to help Central Coast hospitals, clinics, and frontline workers.

I supported emergency aid that brought more than \$1 billion in financial relief for small businesses, farmers, and local governments and retained more than 150,000 jobs.

I will continue working with Republicans and Democrats on solutions for the Central Coast and nation. I'm proud to have worked on legislation that preserves our pristine environment, addresses climate change, and bans offshore oil drilling.

I will keep fighting to create jobs, increase support for veterans, address racial inequality, and promote commonsense gun-safety measures.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO A  
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 24° DEL CONGRESO**

**ANDY CALDWELL**

**Ocupación:** Supervisor del Gobierno

**Educación y Competencias:** Estados Unidos es la tierra de la libertad, los derechos y las oportunidades, pero se encuentra bajo ataque. Trabajaré para restaurar y preservar nuestra libertad, reconstruir nuestra economía, proteger la ley y el orden y aportar sentido común al Congreso en nombre de todos los residentes del Condado San Luis Obispo.

Me crié en la pobreza, hijo de madre inmigrante y padre abrumado por la tortura de la Marcha de la Muerte de Bataan que lo llevó a su muerte prematura cuando yo tenía 9 años. El Sueño Americano era mi sueño y la única esperanza para construir una vida mejor.

Me postulo para el Congreso porque Estados Unidos se enfrenta no solo a una, sino a múltiples crisis. Nuestros vecindarios, comunidades y libertades están en riesgo, poniendo en peligro el bienestar de nuestras personas mayores, veteranos y familias. Representaré al Condado de San Luis Obispo para proteger los valores y las instituciones que hacen que Estados Unidos sea el faro de esperanza para generaciones.

¡Nada de esto es nuevo para mí! He sido supervisor de la Costa Central y defensor de los contribuyentes durante los últimos 30 años, como líder de una coalición no partidista de trabajo, agricultura y negocios trabajando juntos a fin de combatir la corrupción y el despilfarro y crear más oportunidades y salarios más altos para todos. ¡Tengo una trayectoria de lograr resultados!

Podemos proteger nuestros hogares y nuestros derechos, ampliar las opciones educativas y reconstruir nuestra economía para crear más empleos y prosperidad para todos en el Condado de San Luis Obispo. Sin embargo, debemos trabajar juntos. Conozca más en [www.AndyCaldwell2020.com](http://www.AndyCaldwell2020.com).

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO A  
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 24° DEL CONGRESO**

**SALUD CARBAJAL**

**Ocupación:** Miembro del Congreso

**Educación y Competencias:** Soy Salud Carbajal, y me siento honrado de defender los valores de nuestra Costa Central como su representante en el Congreso.

Como esposo, padre de familia y veterano del Cuerpo de la Marina, estoy comprometido con el servicio a nuestra comunidad y nuestro país. Asistí a UCSB mientras trabajaba en dos empleos para ser el primero de mi familia en graduarse de una universidad. Mi esposa, Gina, y yo hemos criado aquí a nuestra familia.

Conozco a ciertas familias que están luchando y se sienten preocupadas por los efectos del COVID-19 en nuestra salud, los empleos y la economía local.

Trabajo para proteger el cuidado de la salud y garantizar que siga siendo asequible y accesible durante esta pandemia. Ayudé a conseguir \$77 millones como colaboración para hospitales, clínicas y trabajadores de la primera línea de la Costa Central.

Respaldé la ayuda de emergencia que aportó más de \$1000 millones en asistencia financiera para los pequeños negocios, la agricultura y gobiernos locales y conservé más de 150,000 empleos.

Seguiré trabajando con los Republicanos y Demócratas en soluciones para la Costa Central y la nación. Me enorgullece haber trabajado en leyes que preservan nuestro medio ambiente prístino, abordan el cambio climático y prohíben la extracción de petróleo en alta mar.

Seguiré luchando para crear empleos, aumentar el apoyo para los veteranos, abordar la desigualdad racial y fomentar medidas de seguridad para el uso de armas basadas en el sentido común.

Con todo respeto le pido su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
STATE SENATE, 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**JOHN LAIRD**

**Occupation:** California Secretary for Natural Resources

**Education and Qualifications:** This past March, I received strong support from voters when I ran on a platform that called for dramatic steps to tackle climate change, the affordable housing crisis, the goal of universal healthcare coverage and the need for a more sustainable public education system. Our world has changed in unprecedented ways since then. We are now deeply challenged by a pandemic, the bottom dropped out of our economy, and high-profile incidents of racial injustice have shaken our nation. All of these inter-related issues demand leadership and strong action.

For eight years, I served as Secretary for Natural Resources, working hard on California's climate change efforts, safeguarding agricultural land, leading the state's ocean protection program, and pushing back on federal attempts for more offshore oil drilling. As a Mayor, City Councilmember, Transportation Commissioner, Nonprofit Director and Community College Trustee, I developed experience to tackle the key issues we now face. As an Assemblymember, I authored 82 bills signed into law, on civil rights, environmental protection, first-time homebuyers, community college health services, and more. As Assembly Budget Chair, I navigated difficult fiscal times as I fought for healthcare, education and our environment. I have earned endorsements from teacher, firefighter, nurse and building trades organizations, as well as the League of Conservation Voters, Equality California, Governor Newsom, former Governor Brown, State Schools Superintendent Thurmond and local mayors, county supervisors and school trustees throughout Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. I will use my experience, drive and commitment to serve the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District. I respectfully ask for your vote. [www.LairdforCASenate.com](http://www.LairdforCASenate.com)

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
STATE SENATE, 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**VICKI NOHRDEN**

**Occupation:** Businesswoman

**Education and Qualifications:** I'm Vicki Nohrden. I'm running for State Senate because our state control is out of control. In less than three months, Gavin Newsom issued more than 40 executive orders that changed hundreds of laws without oversight or accountability, shutting down businesses and closing our schools. Sacramento thinks it can force a one-size-fits-all approach on our counties but in the process it fails small businesses, independent contractors, families, and educators, all of whom pay the price.

I stand for freedom and excellence in education. I believe school districts, teachers, and parents, not bureaucrats hundreds of miles away, should be the ones deciding our children's futures. I've spent my public service advocating for people as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), for families in the justice system, and for taxpayers as a member of the Civil Grand Jury, investigating claims of serious government corruption and mismanagement.

I'm not a career politician with hundreds of thousands of dollars from special interests outside the four counties in our district. I support term limits and oppose Prop 15, one of the biggest tax increases in California history currently on our ballots.

Learn more about me and the issues I want to champion at [www.vicki4senate.com](http://www.vicki4senate.com).

As our region climbs back from COVID-19, we need fresh vision and leadership, not more tax-and-spend career politicians conducting politics-as-usual in Sacramento. This November vote for new leadership that cares about you and your family, not Sacramento and their special interests. I would be honored to have your vote.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO A  
SENADOR DEL ESTADO, DISTRITO 17°**

**JOHN LAIRD**

**Ocupación:** Secretario de Recursos Naturales de California

**Educación y Competencias:** El pasado marzo, recibí un fuerte apoyo de los votantes cuando me postulé en una plataforma que exigía medidas drásticas para hacerle frente al cambio climático, la crisis de vivienda accesible, el objetivo de la cobertura de seguro de salud universal y la necesidad de un sistema de educación pública más sostenible. Desde entonces, nuestro mundo ha cambiado como nunca antes. Ahora, nos enfrentamos al gran desafío de la pandemia, la difícil situación de nuestra economía y los incidentes de injusticia racial con tanta repercusión mediática que han sacudido a nuestra nación. Todos estos problemas interrelacionados exigen liderazgo y una medida enérgica.

Durante ocho años, me desempeñé como Secretario de Recursos Naturales, trabajando arduamente en los esfuerzos de California por el cambio climático, la protección de las tierras agrícolas principales, liderando el programa de protección del océano del estado y rechazando los intentos federales de más extracciones de petróleo en alta mar. Como Alcalde, Miembro del Concejo Municipal, Comisionado de Transporte, Director Sin Fines de Lucro y Administrador de Universidad Comunitaria, desarrollé experiencia para abordar los problemas clave que enfrentamos. Como Asambleísta, redacté 82 proyectos de ley firmados, que incluyen la protección de los derechos civiles, el medio ambiente, los compradores de primera vivienda, los servicios de salud de las universidades comunitarias y más. Como Presidente del Presupuesto de la Asamblea, enfrenté épocas fiscales difíciles al luchar por la atención médica, la educación y nuestro medio ambiente. Cuento con el respaldo de las organizaciones de maestros, bomberos, enfermeras y trabajadores de la construcción, así como de la Liga de Votantes por la Conservación, Equality California, el Gobernador Newsom, el Exgobernador Brown, el Superintendente de Escuelas Estatales Thurmond y alcaldes locales, supervisores de condado y síndicos escolares de los condados de Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara y Santa Cruz. Usaré mi experiencia, energía y compromiso para servirle al Distrito de Senado 17°. Respetuosamente le pido su voto. [www.LairdforCASenate.com](http://www.LairdforCASenate.com)

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO A  
SENADOR DEL ESTADO, DISTRITO 17°**

**VICKI NOHRDEN**

**Ocupación:** Empresaria

**Educación y Competencias:** Soy Vicki Nohrden. Me postulo para Senadora Estatal porque nuestro control del estado está fuera de control. En menos de tres meses, Gavin Newsom emitió más de 40 órdenes ejecutivas que cambiaron cientos de leyes sin supervisión ni rendición de cuentas, provocando el cierre de negocios y nuestras escuelas. Sacramento piensa que puede imponer un enfoque único en nuestros condados pero en el proceso caen pequeños negocios, contratistas independientes, familias y educadores, todos quienes pagan el precio.

Defiendo la libertad y excelencia en educación. Creo que los distritos escolares, los maestros y padres, no los burócratas a cientos de millas de distancia, deben ser quienes decidan el futuro de nuestros hijos. Dedicé mi servicio público a la defensa de personas como Defensora Especial Designada por el Tribunal (CASA), de familias en el sistema de justicia, y de contribuyentes como miembro del Gran Jurado Civil, investigando reclamos de casos graves de corrupción y mala administración gubernamental.

No soy una política de carrera con cientos de miles de dólares de intereses especiales fuera de los cuatro condados de nuestro distrito. Defiendo los límites de mandatos y me opongo a la Propuesta 15, uno de los mayores aumentos de impuestos en la historia de California que actualmente se encuentra en nuestras boletas.

Conozca más sobre mí y los problemas que quiero resolver en [www.vicki4senate.com](http://www.vicki4senate.com).

Como nuestra región se está recuperando de COVID-19, necesitamos una visión y liderazgo renovados, basta de políticos de carrera que solo quieren recaudar y gastar, haciendo la misma política de siempre en Sacramento. En noviembre vote por un nuevo liderazgo que se preocupe por usted y su familia, no por Sacramento y sus intereses especiales. Sería un honor contar con su voto.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5  
San Luis Obispo Community College District**

**MARY T. STROBRIDGE**

**Occupation:** Incumbent, Retired Educator

**Education and Qualifications:** It is my privilege to serve as your Trustee. On November 3, I ask for your vote to continue serving the students, community, and Cuesta family for the next four years. Education is my passion.

Cuesta has opened a new instructional building, aquatic center, plant science program and facility in North County, started an early childhood education facility, and hired a new president. We fully implemented the Cuesta Promise scholarship so all high school graduates can afford two years at Cuesta, opened a pantry for food insecure students, and implemented successful distance learning programs. We prepare students to enter the workforce or transfer to universities with an associate degree or certificate, as well as providing lifelong learning opportunities to the community.

I want to build on this record by improving our program offerings; working towards an inclusive and diverse student population, faculty, and staff; and building Cuesta's role as a community education hub.

As a Teacher, Reading Specialist, Mentor Teacher, and 4-H Leader, I currently serve as Vice President of the Board and regularly attend the Community College League of California's Workshops, Leadership Conferences, and Board Chair workshops. I also assist in developing the Board's yearly goals.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 5  
San Luis Obispo Community College District**

**BRIAN KENNELLY**

**Age: 56**

**Occupation:** Professor, Educator

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a North-County resident and Cal Poly Professor who has held leadership positions both locally and nationally (including as: Chair, Cal Poly & Webster University; Chief Reader, Advanced Placement French Language and Culture; and Vice President, American Association of Teachers of French). I will: provide strong leadership for promoting access, equity and student success; make good policy to provide guidance for college staff; and ensure that Cuesta's strategic and educational plans align with student and community needs, while adhering to legal, ethical and prudent expectations in college operations' policy.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER  
Atascadero Unified School District**

**VY PIERCE**

**Age:44**

**Occupation:** Parent/Community Volunteer

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a mom to three school-age children and have spent the last decade volunteering in Atascadero's public schools and nonprofit organizations. I've served as everything from classroom helper to elementary site council member, and a leader in PTA, PTO, and AHS Band Boosters. From an eleven-year career working in the nonprofit sector and from serving on non-profit boards, I know the importance of trust, transparency, and accountability—and to achieve them. I'm also a product of California public schools, from elementary through UC.

Our schools face unprecedented challenges from this Covid-19 pandemic. When discouragement creeps in, I remember all the changes and challenges we've faced from new Common Core curriculum, the school threat in 2015, and to last March when we were all thrown into distance learning. Together, we know how to do hard things. I'll be a fresh voice on the board and look for creative and thoughtful solutions, so our school district can come out of these challenges better than before. I am proud to be endorsed by parents, teachers, business owners, elected officials, and civic leaders. With your help, and your vote, we can build a better future for our kids and our community.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA A  
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA de Gobierno  
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Atascadero**

**VY PIERCE**

**Edad:44**

**Ocupación:** Madre/Voluntaria de la Comunidad

**Educación y calificaciones:** Soy madre de tres niños en edad escolar y he pasado la última década como voluntaria en las escuelas públicas y organizaciones sin fines de lucro de Atascadero. Ocupé varios cargos, desde asistente del aula hasta concejal de escuelas elementales, y líder en PTA, PTO y AHS Band Boosters. Gracias a una carrera de once años en el sector sin fines de lucro y el desempeño en juntas de organizaciones sin fines de lucro, conozco la importancia de la confianza, la transparencia y la responsabilidad, y cómo lograrlas. También soy producto de las escuelas públicas de California, desde la escuela elemental hasta UC.

Nuestras escuelas enfrentan desafíos sin precedentes por esta pandemia de Covid-19. Cuando el desaliento nos invade, recuerdo todos los cambios y desafíos que hemos enfrentado en el nuevo plan de estudios de Núcleo Común, la amenaza a las escuelas en 2015, y marzo de este año cuando debimos recurrir al aprendizaje a distancia. Juntos, sabemos cómo hacer cosas difíciles. Seré una nueva voz en la junta y buscaré soluciones creativas y consideradas, para que nuestro distrito escolar pueda salir de estos desafíos mejor que antes. Me enorgullece contar con el apoyo de padres, maestros, propietarios de empresas, funcionarios elegidos y líderes cívicos. Con su ayuda, y su voto, podemos construir un futuro mejor para nuestros niños y nuestra comunidad.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR  
City of Atascadero**

**JERRY TANIMOTO**

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education and Qualifications:** As a resident of Atascadero for 44 years, I've seen a lot of growth and change. I've seen times our community came together and times that tore us apart. The separation and division we've experienced lately can build distrust. At this key moment, our city needs a leader we can trust to work for everyone.

After working with teachers, students, staff and the community for 31 years as a teacher at Atascadero High School, I've volunteered extensively. As a former board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and North County YMCA, and a founder the Atascadero Optimist Club, I'm passionate about supporting families and kids. Whether it's volunteering with Dancing with Our Stars, chairing the Colony Days Committee, serving meals at ECHO, or inspecting election precincts, I know how to bring people with different ideas and perspectives together to get things done. As a small business owner, I appreciate the importance of local businesses in creating the community we enjoy.

At AHS, I taught government and leadership. I know how much it matters to have leaders who listen and government that serves everyone. Together let's build a community where families and businesses thrive and our children have a future.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR  
City of Atascadero**

**HEATHER MORENO**

**Age: 52**

**Occupation:** Mayor, CPA, Business Owner

**Education and Qualifications:** As your Mayor, I am deeply committed to the health of our community and the health of our economy. I initiated a public outreach campaign to ensure your voice is heard as we make decisions about the future of Atascadero. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together. With your support, I will continue the work of building a strong, balanced economy, sustaining fiscal stewardship, and strengthening the connection between you and our City.

I was appointed to our City's Planning Commission in 2008, serving as Chairperson in 2010. I became an Atascadero City Councilwoman in 2012 and served as Mayor Pro-Tem during 2015-2016. I serve on the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, Regional Transit Authority, and SLO County Economic Vitality Corporation. Since 2012, I have also served on the Design Review Committee and as Chair of the Finance Committee.

I have the leadership experience our City needs at this challenging time.

Our thriving volunteer spirit and strong community partnerships are key to keeping our City vibrant. That's why, like you, I'm a dedicated community volunteer. I am committed to preserving the uniqueness of Atascadero and it's a privilege serving our great City. I'd be honored to have your vote.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MAYOR  
City of Atascadero**

**JOSH DONOVAN**

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Education and Qualifications:** Atascadero is at a crossroads and it's time we evaluate our path forward.

I was born and raised here and, after serving in the Marines, I stayed in Atascadero because I saw it as a terrific place to raise my family and start a business.

Now, I see a city struggling with its ability to accomplish the basics or listen to its own people.

Needless red tape and ill-will has scared away businesses with good-paying jobs from our community. We deserve a business-friendly Atascadero, focused on recruiting job creators and delivering employment opportunities with livable wages for our residents without having to raise taxes.

Atascadero is no closer today to solving its homelessness crisis than two or even four years ago. We deserve a real strategy that helps our most vulnerable get off the streets and back on their feet and invests in keeping our streets truly safe.

Lastly, we deserve accessible city leadership that will listen to you – not bureaucrats. I fully believe that an open-door policy is the only way we can solve Atascadero's biggest challenges.

We deserve a better Atascadero. On November 3, we can deliver it. I humbly ask for your vote.

DonovanForAtascadero.com

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO A  
ALCALDE  
Ciudad de Atascadero**

**HEATHER MORENO**

**Edad: 52**

**Ocupación:** Alcaldesa, CPA, Propietaria de Negocio

**Educación y Competencias:** Como su Alcaldesa, me comprometo profundamente con la salud de nuestra comunidad y el estado de nuestra economía. Inicié una campaña de difusión pública para garantizar que su voz sea escuchada cuando tomemos decisiones sobre el futuro de Atascadero. Me enorgullece lo que hemos logrado juntos. Con su apoyo, seguiré el trabajo de la construcción de una economía sólida y equilibrada, el mantenimiento de una administración fiscal y el fortalecimiento de la conexión entre usted y nuestra Ciudad.

Me designaron para la Comisión de Planificación de nuestra Ciudad en 2008, me desempeñé como Presidenta en 2010. Me convertí en Concejala Municipal de la Ciudad de Atascadero en 2012 y me desempeñé como Alcaldesa Pro-Tempore durante 2015-2016. Trabajé en el Concejo de Gobiernos de San Luis Obispo, la Autoridad de Tránsito Regional y la Corporación de Vitalidad Económica del Condado de SLO. Desde 2012, también trabajé en el Comité de Revisión de Diseño y como Presidenta del Comité de Finanzas.

Tengo la experiencia de liderazgo que nuestra Ciudad necesita en esta época desafiante.

Nuestro espíritu de voluntarios prósperos y sólidas sociedades comunitarias son la clave para mantener a nuestra Ciudad vibrante. Es por eso que, como usted, soy una voluntaria comunitaria dedicada. Me comprometo a preservar la exclusividad de Atascadero y es un privilegio estar al servicio de nuestra gran Ciudad. Me sentiría honrada de contar con su voto.

Al servicio de la comunidad. Prosperamos juntos. [www.heatherforatascadero.com](http://www.heatherforatascadero.com)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL  
City of Atascadero**

**CHARLES BOURBEAU**

**Occupation:** Incumbent City Councilmember, Community Volunteer

**Education and Qualifications:** Upon graduating from Cal Poly I began a long career as a fulltime officer for the California Army National Guard where I ultimately served as a Colonel responsible for all federal funds, property, and equipment.

We first moved to Atascadero in 1985 when my wife Melissa began a long career teaching in Atascadero schools.

I have a long record of volunteering in our community including as an Atascadero Police Department volunteer doing graffiti abatement, CASA mentor for foster youth, volunteer for Atascadero Loaves and Fishes, trail work for ALPS, a board member for RISE (North County Women's Shelters and sexual assault services), president of the Atascadero Rotary Club, and planning commissioner.

On the Council, I serve as a strong, independent, nonpartisan voice for economic development, financial responsibility, and efficient government, in order to provide the best services possible for all our residents. I am known for my thorough homework on all issues before the Council, asking tough questions, and reaching out to all involved parties, and considering all relevant information before making a decision.

I consider it an honor to serve you on the Atascadero City Council. I take no campaign donations and I donate my Council stipend to charitable causes in the community.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL  
City of Atascadero**

**BRET HEINEMANN**

**Occupation:** Writer

**Education and Qualifications:** My reason for running for the Atascadero City Council is citizenship. It is up to qualified citizens to serve on the council to govern Atascadero and administer services in a timely manner. It is also important to make sure there are adequate sources of funding and to spend them wisely. A strong, vibrant economy is one of the best sources of funds.

I moved to Atascadero in 1971 with my parents and have been here ever since except for college. My basic education was completed at Trinity Lutheran and Atascadero High School. I have an earned bachelor's degree from CSU Fresno where I graduated with a major in history and minor in political science. I also have an AA degree from Cuesta College in Electronics Technology.

Atascadero is a beautiful place for work and play.

May all our homes in safety stay. May we have jobs for our talents and work together in patience. Time is our most precious gift. Use it wisely; so we don't have to ask "What if?"

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son That those who believe in Him should not perish after all is done.

Thank you for voting.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL  
City of Atascadero**

**NICHOLAS MATTSON**

**Occupation:** Small Businessman/Publisher

**Education and Qualifications:** We face a difficult choice here in Atascadero: continue to embrace the stagnant status quo or harness our city's potential.

I chose Atascadero as my home because it was truly a great place to work and raise a family. I worry that those days are slipping into the past if we do nothing to solve our biggest challenges. That's why I'm running for Atascadero City Council.

As a small businessman, economic development and job creation are fuel for our future, not merely buzzwords. I won't pay lip service to recruiting businesses and jobs to our community and will fight to create a robust economic development program that emphasizes job creation and avoids costly sales tax increases to fill holes in the city budget.

And I will fight to promote Atascadero as the best place in North County to raise a family by ensuring we continue to build affordable, market-rate housing.

I will generate smart solutions to solve our city's homelessness crisis, all while fighting to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe.

As your City Councilman, I will put my entire energy into taking Atascadero from merely surviving to thriving. I humbly ask for your vote.

AtascaderoStrong.com

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL  
City of Atascadero**

**MARK DARIZ**

**Age: 53**

**Occupation:** Architect, Planning Commissioner

**Education and Qualifications:** A dedicated Planning Commissioner for the City of Atascadero since 2011, (Chairman in 2015 & 2020) I have worked to ensure smart development and economic growth for the city. My background as an architect and my experience on the City's Design Review Committee and the County's Regional Transportation Advisory Committee has brought a valuable perspective to the many ongoing changes.

As member of Atascadero's Kiwanis Club, where I've served as President and currently serve as Treasurer, I have seen first-hand the value of volunteer work helping children, the homeless and elderly. I will continue to support the vibrant volunteer spirit in our community.

As a Councilmember I will: Model an open and transparent public communication and work cohesively and respectfully with my Council colleagues. We will work with other community leaders to bring jobs and business to Atascadero to further enhance our economy, maintain our infrastructure and improve our quality of life. I'll use my experience as an architect and Planning Commissioner to help guide development in a direction to strengthen the well-being and economy of our City.

I would be honored to have your vote.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL  
City of Atascadero**

**TORI KEEN**

**Occupation:** Family Law Paralegal, Planning Commission Member

**Education and Qualifications:** Since moving to Atascadero in 2010, I married, had two children, and invested myself in our community. I spent six years on the board of the Atascadero AYSO learning how to organize and work with others for the largest youth sports league in town. I earned my Associate's Paralegal degree at Cuesta College so I can do meaningful work in Family Law, helping children and families going through difficult periods. I was appointed to the Atascadero Planning Commission in August 2019 which helped me realize I want to be a part of the future growth of our town.

I spent my campaign reaching out to members of our community with different perspectives and experiences in order to encourage a more diverse and inclusive conversation.

Atascadero is wonderful, but there are so many ways we can make it better. Improving city services and infrastructure. Working with our homeless population to find long-term solutions. Building more affordable housing, so more families can become homeowners. Attracting and retaining more small, local businesses. And embarking on larger civic improvement projects, like expanded creek access, or a new sports complex.

For more information go to [www.votetorikeen.com](http://www.votetorikeen.com). Let's invest in the future of our city together!

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# ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FULL TEXT OF MEASURE C-20

## INTRODUCTION

The following is the abbreviated form of the bond measure:

“To expand vocational/career education facilities for programs including engineering, technology, robotics, construction trades and agricultural science; improve school security/student safety; upgrade school emergency preparedness; build additional school facilities as needed; and create local construction jobs; shall Atascadero Unified School District’s measure be adopted authorizing \$40 million of bonds with legal interest rates, levies averaging less than five cents per \$100 assessed valuation for 14 years (\$3.3 million/year for bond repayment), annual audits and independent oversight?”

## BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Atascadero Unified School District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$40 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

## ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

**Evaluation of Needs.** The School Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

**Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee.** Following approval of this measure, the Board of Trustees will establish an Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

**Performance Audits.** The School Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits.** The School Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

**Government Code Accountability Requirements.** As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes

specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the San Luis Obispo County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of Trustees of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

### **NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES**

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), those being for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

### **STATE MATCHING FUNDS**

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT**

Voters are informed that any estimates, averages or projections in the bond measure, ballot materials and ballot label, including relating to estimated or average tax rates, the duration or term of issued bonds and related tax levies and money raised annually from tax levies to repay issued bonds are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts, caps or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rates or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates, averages and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District.

### **BOND PROJECT LIST**

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities of the Atascadero Unified School District, including furnishing and equipping, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses, in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3). This measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all current and future District sites and campuses including:

Atascadero High	Monterey Road Elementary
Atascadero Middle School	San Benito Elementary
Carrisa Plains Elementary	San Gabriel Elementary
Creston Elementary	Santa Margarita Elementary
Paloma Creek High	Santa Rosa Road Academic Academy
Fine Arts Academy	ACE Academy

**School Facility Project List.** The items presented on the following list provide are the types of projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Examples included on this list are not intended to limit the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The types of projects authorized are:

- Expand the District’s vocational/career education programs and facilities, such as engineering, technology, robotics, construction trades, and agricultural
- Upgrade classrooms and educational facilities with up-to-date computers and technology
- Repair and replace roofs
- Make improvements to facilities for emergency preparedness and enhanced security
- Meet handicap accessibility (ADA) requirements in restrooms and classrooms
- Upgrade and replace outdated heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Repair, renovate and modernize outdated and aging classrooms and school facilities throughout the District
- Install solar and other energy cost saving systems
- Renovate restrooms throughout the District
- Upgrade playfields and athletic facilities throughout the District
- Replace the swimming pool on the high school campus
- Renovate or construct a multipurpose/cafeteria facility on the high school campus

Furnishing and Equipping/Incidental Costs Authorized. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above.

Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of

interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election including of legal counsel; project construction oversight, management and administration during the duration of such projects, including by District personnel, and bond issuance costs.

Scope and Nature of Projects. Unforeseen conditions may arise during the course of planning, design and construction resulting in the scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above being altered by the District. In the event that the District determines that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for the District or otherwise in the District's best interests to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction, including land acquisition, relocation, expansion and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. Further, authorized projects include reimbursements for project costs previously paid and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

Bond Funds Limited; Projects Not Listed In Order of Priority. Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects identified on the Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with funds generated by this bond measure. The project list may include projects which are not funded with bond proceeds. The District plans to pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed. The order in which projects are listed in the foregoing Bond Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the District Board of Trustees.

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C-20

Bonds are financial instruments used to borrow money. Under the California Constitution, school districts may issue bonds if approved by at least 55 percent of voters within the boundaries of the district who are voting on a measure to authorize the issuance of bonds. The bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. The principal and interest on the bonds are repaid by an annual property tax levy on all real property within the jurisdiction of the school district, calculated on the current assessed value of each property (“an *ad valorem* tax”).

The Board of Trustees of the Atascadero Unified School District (“the District”) has placed Measure C-20 on the ballot, proposing the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$40 million. The District’s Tax Rate Statement, included in the voter information guide, which was mailed to voters of the District, reflects an estimate of the maximum property tax levies required to service the bonds.

As legally required, proceeds from the sale of the bonds (i.e., funds generated by the bonds) may only be used for the purposes identified in the measure, including such things as: expansion of certain programs and facilities; improving, repairing, and upgrading classrooms and educational facilities; repairing, renovating and modernizing outdated classrooms and facilities and technology; installing energy cost-savings systems; upgrading of facilities for emergency preparedness and enhanced security; and upgrading athletic grounds and facilities (all as more fully described in the full-text of the measure). The law prohibits the use of bond proceeds to pay for teacher and administrator salaries or other operational expenses.

Approval of the measure does not guarantee that all proposed projects of the District to be improved with bond proceeds will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District’s proposal for the projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

As required by law, the District must follow certain accountability provisions to oversee the funds collected and expended, including the establishment of an independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, the annual completion of Performance and Financial Audits, and an annual report detailing proceeds received by the sale of the bonds and expenditures made, all requirements of which are reflected in the full text of measure.

The District’s Tax Rate Statement provides the District’s best estimate of the highest tax rate to be levied at an approximate rate of no more than six cents per \$100 (\$60 per \$100,000) of assessed property value per year. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2034-35.

A “Yes” vote on this measure is a vote in favor of the issuance of \$40 million in general obligation bonds to be used for the purposes set forth in Measure C-20.

A “No” vote on this measure is a vote against the issuance of \$40 million in general obligation bonds for the purposes set forth in Measure C-20.

s/Rita L. Neal  
County Counsel

## TAX RATE STATEMENT FOR MEASURE C-20

An election will be held in the Atascadero Unified School District (the "District") on November 3, 2020, to authorize the sale of up to \$40,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.043 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$43 per \$100,000 of assessed value). The final fiscal year in which it is anticipated that the tax will be collected is 2034-35.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.060 per \$100 of assessed valuation (or \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value). It is estimated that the year in which the highest tax rate would apply is in fiscal year 2021-22.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$46.5 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts or durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

s/ Thomas A. Butler  
Superintendent, Atascadero Unified School District

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C-20

Ten years ago, our community came together to pass a much-needed bond measure to modernize our local schools. Because of your vote, enormous improvements have been made **to all eleven of our schools**, including a new building at Atascadero Middle School and state-of-the-art science classrooms and shops at Atascadero High School.

Not only were these projects completed on-time and within budget, our school district lived up to **each** of the promises made to protect taxpayers:

- State matching funds were qualified for and obtained
- Independent oversight was required and annual audits were performed
- Funds were prohibited from going to administrators' salaries and benefits
- All money was spent locally and not taken by the state to be spent elsewhere

Now it is time for us to continue our mission. Measure C will complete the remaining essential projects to ensure our schools are safe and secure and provide our children with the critical skills to thrive. These projects include:

- Modernizing and expanding vocational education programs and facilities
- Improving school security and student safety
- Upgrading school emergency preparedness throughout the District

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our schools and our children. But through it we learned that, no matter the circumstances, Atascadero's teachers and staff are committed to ensuring our children are educated, connected and cared for.

We have also learned that emergencies and crises don't wait. It is critical that we remain prepared in order to provide our children with the best education possible and the absolute greatest chance at a bright future.

Our schools are our community's most valuable public resource. They provide our children with a place to thrive, they protect local property values and they make our community a better place to live. Let's make sure they remain that way. Vote Yes on Measure C.

s/Lori Bagby  
Realtor

s/William Neely  
Retired Principal

s/Mary Mills  
Trustee

s/Donn Clickard  
Trustee

s/Jim Greenman  
Retired Teacher

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C-20 WAS SUBMITTED**

**CITY OF ATASCADERO  
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE D-20**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE ATASCADERO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW  
CHAPTER 18 “ESSENTIAL SERVICES TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX” TO BE  
ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND ADMINISTRATION,  
SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY THE ELECTORATE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Revenue & Taxation Code Sections 7251 *et seq.* and 7285.9, the City of Atascadero (“City”) is authorized to levy a Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes, subject to voter approval and

**WHEREAS**, the City proposes to levy a Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes to fund maintain and enhance important City services, with the rate set at one percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is fiscally challenged and while it does well with the funding that it has, general fund revenue growth has not kept pace with the increasing costs of providing services to a growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to maintain essential services and is coming to a crossroads where it cannot sustain the services it provides with the projected available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the two fire stations protecting lives and property within the City’s approximately 26 square miles was built in 1951 and has critical safety deficits requiring replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, has approximately half the national average of police officers per capita for a City its size, is amongst the lowest paying City employer in the County for most positions, and has deteriorating infrastructure including fire stations, parks, roads, zoo facilities and other buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, Atascadero receives the lowest revenue per capita in Sales Tax, in Property Tax and in General Fund revenues among all San Luis Obispo County cities and money from a local, voter-approved funding measure is needed at the local level to address the community’s local needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from such transactions and use tax could not be taken by the State and would remain local, to be spent in the City of Atascadero for services such as police, fire, paramedic, parks, recreation, public facilities, infrastructure and other services; and

**WHEREAS**, all City revenues are subject to annual independent audits with public review of the City’s budget being widely available, including at City Hall, and online; and

**WHEREAS**, under applicable law, to enact a transactions and use tax, the City Council of the City of Atascadero must approve the Essential Services Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance and the voters of the City of Atascadero must also adopt it upon majority vote at an election.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATASCADERO HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Title and Text.** This Ordinance shall be known as the Essential Services Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance, the full text of which is set forth in Attachment “A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. Approval by City Council.** Pursuant to California Revenue Taxation Code Section 7285.9, this Ordinance was duly introduced on July 14, 2020 and approved upon second reading for placement on the ballot by a two-thirds (2/3) supermajority of all members of the City Council on August 11, 2020.

**SECTION 3. Approval by the Voters.** Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9217, this Ordinance shall be deemed adopted and take effect only if approved by a majority of the eligible voters of the City of Atascadero voting at the Regular Election on November 3, 2020, and shall be deemed adopted and take effect ten (10) days after the City Council has certified the results of that election by resolution.

**SECTION 4. Operative Date.** “Operative Date” for the Essential Services Transactions and Use Tax means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than one hundred ten (110) days after the effective date of this Ordinance, as set forth in Section 3, above.

**SECTION 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 6. Summary.** The title and a summary of the Ordinance, along with the names of the City Council members voting for and against the Ordinance, shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Atascadero.

**SECTION 7. Publication.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance no later than fifteen (15) days following the passage of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance to be published by title and summary.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Atascadero, California, held on the 11th day of August 2020, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the City Council.

# ATTACHMENT A

## CHAPTER 3-18

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

#### Sections:

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- 3-18.140 Termination and Repeal.
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#### **3-18.010 Title.**

This chapter is designated and shall be known as the Atascadero Essential Services Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The city of Atascadero hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

#### **3-18.020 Operative Date.**

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this chapter, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

#### **3-18.030 Purpose.**

This chapter is intended to achieve the following, among other purposes, and shall be interpreted liberally in order to accomplish all of its lawful purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax to be applied throughout the entire territory of the City to the fullest extent permitted by law and in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.9 of Part 1.7 of Division 2.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and

requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter.

E. To provide transaction and use tax revenue for unrestricted general revenue purposes, and not for specific purposes. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this chapter shall be placed in the City's general fund and be available for any legal municipal purposes.

### **3-18.040 Contract with State.**

Prior to the operative date, the City shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this chapter; provided that, if the City shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

### **3-18.050 Transaction tax rate.**

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 1% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date.

### **3-18.060 Place of sale.**

For the purposes of this chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

### **3-18.070 Use tax rate.**

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date for storage, use or other consumption in the territory of the City at the rate of 1% of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

### **3-18.080 Adoption of provision of State law.**

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the

provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein.

### **3-18.090 Limitations on adoption of State law and collection of use taxes.**

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of the City of Atascadero shall be substituted. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this chapter;

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from the taxes of this chapter with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property, which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

### **3-18.100 Permit not required.**

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this chapter.

### **3-18.110 Exemptions and exclusions.**

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any

city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the City under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the City.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

### **3-18.120 Amendments.**

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this chapter to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this chapter, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this chapter. The City Council may amend this chapter to comply with applicable law or as may be otherwise necessary in order to further the chapter's stated purposes.

However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Chapter. The people of the City of Atascadero affirm that the following actions shall not constitute an increase of the rate of a tax:

A. The restoration of the rate of the tax to a rate that is no higher than that set by this Chapter, if the City Council has acted to reduce the rate of the tax;

B. An action that interprets or clarifies the methodology of the tax, or any definition applicable to the tax, so long as interpretation or clarification (even if contrary to some prior interpretation or clarification) is not inconsistent with the language of this Chapter; or

C. The collection of the tax imposed by this Chapter even if the City had, for some period of time, failed to collect the tax.

**3-18.130 Enjoining collection forbidden.**

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this chapter, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

**3-18.140 Severability.**

If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall not effect on any other provision of this chapter or the application of this chapter to any other person or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

**3-18.150 Effective date.**

This chapter relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect 10 days after the election results are declared by the City Council (CA Elections Code §9217). The operative date (Section 2) will be the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, which will be April 1, 2021.

**3-18.160 Termination and repeal.**

The authority to levy a retail transaction and use tax shall be in effect until and unless repealed by the voters of the City in the manner provided by law.

**3-18.170 Independent annual financial audit.**

The revenue and expenditures of this new transactions and use tax shall be included in the annual audit of the City's financial operations by an independent certified public accountant.

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D-20

The City Council has placed on the ballot the question of whether to approve an ordinance adopting a transactions and use tax within the City of Atascadero. The ordinance would add a transactions and use tax at the rate of one percent (1%) of the retail sales price, or one cent for an item that costs one dollar, until and unless repealed by the voters of the City.

This measure would authorize an additional 1% (one percent) transactions and use tax, which would increase the total sales tax rate within the City of Atascadero to 8.75%. The City Council and staff estimate the 1% (one percent) transactions and use tax increase would result in additional revenue to the City of Atascadero of approximately \$4.5 million annually until repealed by the voters.

This tax on retail sales is paid by non-residents as well as residents. Certain necessities of life, including purchases of food or medicine, are exempt from the tax.

Because this measure does not legally restrict the use of tax revenue to any specific purposes, it is classified as a "general tax," not a "special tax." The tax proceeds will be locally controlled and may be used for any valid municipal government purpose, including but not limited to, fire protection, paramedics, and 911 emergency response, police, crime prevention and investigations, maintenance of parks, public facilities and infrastructure, graffiti removal, and recreation, community services, and other general city services. Further, the tax proceeds will be subject to annual independent audit to ensure the funds are properly spent.

Currently, the tax on retail sales within the Atascadero is 7.75% of the purchase price. Technically, the existing 7.75% "sales tax" is a combination of the State of California Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law of 7.25% and the Atascadero Transactions and Use Tax of 0.5% authorized by the voters in 2014. The Atascadero Transactions and Use Tax expires on March 31, 2027. Both are levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. This measure will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes. If this measure is approved, the total sales tax rate within the City of Atascadero will increase to 8.75%. If this measure is not approved, the total sales tax rate within the City of Atascadero will remain at 7.75% until the City's existing transactions and use tax rate of one-half percent (0.5%) expires on March 31, 2027.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of the City of Atascadero Transactions and Use Tax Measure. If you desire a copy of the ordinance, please call the City Clerk's office at (805) 470-3400 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/ Brian A. Pierik,  
City of Atascadero City Attorney

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D-20**

The City of Atascadero seeks to maintain essential services for residents. After years of deferring big expenses, the City has reached a crossroads: the money it expects to receive isn't enough to keep paying for the services residents need and expect. Atascadero gets less tax revenue than any other City in the County -- about half as much as Paso Robles. The City of Atascadero has insufficient funds for fire protection, paramedics, 911 responses, police and crime prevention. It has deteriorating infrastructure including parks, a 70-year old fire station, and aging facilities and roads. People expect services that Atascadero doesn't and can't provide. New businesses and hotels will help, but economic growth alone can't generate enough in taxes to fill the gap.

To address this need, your City Council voted unanimously to put Measure D-20 on the ballot to add a one-cent local sales tax. Atascadero receives only 1.5% of the current 7.75% sales tax. Sales taxes are paid by visitors and workers as well as residents. They are based on consumption -- those who spend more will pay more. The extra tax won't apply on necessities such as rent, groceries, medicine and services.

Additionally:

- The funds cannot be seized by the state. They must be spent locally in our community.
- Nearby Cities are voting on similar measures, so businesses here won't be at a competitive disadvantage.
- Many Atascadero residents already pay higher sales taxes when they buy things elsewhere -- and none of that money comes to Atascadero.
- An independent audit will be performed every year providing accountability and transparency.

A Yes vote would mean more locally controlled revenue for essential City services and would be crucial in preserving and enhancing our community's quality of life.

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure D-20.

s/ Susan Funk, Council Member

s/ Heather Newsom, Council Member

s/ Geoff Auslen

s/ Robert M. "Grigger" Jones

s/ Gere Sibbach, Treasurer

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE D-20 WAS SUBMITTED**



The San Luis Obispo County Medical Reserve Corps (SLOMRC) is a group of healthcare professionals trained to respond to emergencies in San Luis Obispo County.

If you are interested in volunteering through the Medical Reserve Corps, please visit [www.slocounty.ca.gov/MRC](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/MRC) for more information or contact Denise Yi at (805) 295-8672 or [slomrc@aol.com](mailto:slomrc@aol.com).

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# ASSISTANCE for VOTERS with SPECIAL NEEDS



San Luis Obispo County offers voters with disabilities options that provide for a private and independent voting environment. The San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder wants to help you create a voting method that works for you. See your options below.

- **Vote by Mail:** Your ballot has automatically been sent to you. Keep safe and return your ballot by mail, drop box, or Voter Service Center.
- **Voting at a Voter Service Center:** You can go to any Voter Service Center from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Locations are listed on the back of your Voting Instructions page.
- **Accessible ballot-marking machines (ICX)** are available at every Voter Service Center for four days of voting and at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office 29 days prior to the election for early voting.
- **Curbside voting:** If you arrive at a Voter Service Center and cannot get to the voting area, ask for assistance.
- **Accessible Voter Information Guide on the Web:** Sample Ballot and Voter Information Guides are available on the Clerk-Recorder's website with the use of personal accessible navigational tools and screen reader technology.



## **Remote Accessible Vote by Mail**

A new voting experience can be provided by the elections staff for all Vote By Mail voters, including those with disabilities by using web-based tools on a personal computer, printer, and one's personal assistive device(s) (screen readers, tactile switches, closed captioning, sip and puff system, etc.) to access and mark one's ballot, then returning it by mail to the Elections Office.

**Contact the Elections office for information at 805-781-5228**

## **Other Assistance for Visually, Hearing or Speech Impaired:**

The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) to provide elections information: **1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE)**. Large print format of the state ballot measures continues to be available.

# LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

As required by new legislation, the County of San Luis Obispo offers facsimile ballots in the following languages and for only the precincts listed below:

## Spanish

All Precincts                      All Voter Service Centers

## Tagalog

Consolidated Precinct              All Voter Service Centers  
403, 404, and 405

To determine your Con (precinct), please refer to the top left corner of your Vote By Mail ballot, which contains your precinct information (i.e. CON 403).

Facsimile ballots and instructions will be provided upon request. You can request to view the facsimile ballot for the language that is available at a Voter Service Center, listed in your Voting Instructions page.

## Vote By Mail Voters

You can request a facsimile ballot in one of the languages available:

By Phone:      805-781-5228

By E-Mail:      elections@co.slo.ca.us

By Mail:      1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

In Person:      At the Clerk-Recorder's Office at 1055 Monterey Street,  
D120, San Luis Obispo or 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor), Atascadero

Online:      [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## Spanish Language Ballot Technology

With new accessible ballot-marking technology (ICX voting machines), a Spanish language voting experience can assist voters with making their selections and marking their ballots. They are available at the County Clerk-Recorder's office beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, and at all Voter Service Centers from October 31 – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Election Day.

# ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

Conforme exige la nueva legislación, el Condado de San Luis Obispo ofrece boletas electorales en los siguientes idiomas y solo para los distritos electorales que a continuación se indican:

## Español

En todos los distritos      En todos los Centros de Servicios al Votante

## Tagalo

En los distritos consolidados y en todos los Centros de Servicios al Votante

Distritos 403, 404, y 405

Para determinar cuál es su CON (distrito electoral), por favor revise la esquina superior izquierda de su boleta de Voto por Correo, que contiene la información de su distrito (por ejemplo, CON 403).

Se suministrarán, a petición, boletas electorales e instrucciones por facsímil. Puede solicitar ver la boleta facsímil del idioma que se encuentre disponible en el Centro de Servicios al Votante que aparece en su página con Instrucciones de Voto.

## Electores que votan por correo

Puede solicitar una boleta facsímil en uno de los idiomas disponibles:

Por teléfono:                      805-781-5228

Por correo electrónico: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

Por correo:                        1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Personalmente:                En la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro  
en 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo  
o 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2<sup>do</sup> piso), Atascadero

En línea:                         [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## Tecnología de Boletas en idioma español

Con la nueva tecnología para completar boletas con más accesibilidad (máquinas de votación ICX), una interfaz en idioma español puede ayudar a los votantes a realizar sus elecciones y a marcar sus boletas. Se encontrarán disponibles en la oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro a partir del 5, de octubre, y en todos los Centros de Servicios al Votante desde el 31 de octubre hasta el 3 de noviembre, el Día de las Elecciones.

# TULONG SA WIKA

Ayon sa kinakailangan ng bagong batas na pinagtibay, nagbibigay ang County ng San Luis Obispo ng mga kopya ng balota na nasa mga sumusunod na wika at para lang sa mga presintong nakalista sa ibaba:

## Spanish

Lahat ng Presinto                      Lahat ng Sentro ng Serbisyo para sa Botante

## Tagalog

Pinagsamang Presinto   Lahat ng Sentro ng Serbisyo para sa Botante  
403, 404, at 405

Upang alamin kung ano ang inyong Con (presinto), mangyaring sumangguni sa kaliwang sulok sa itaas ng inyong balota sa Pagboto sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo, na naglalaman ng impormasyon ng inyong presinto (ibig sabihin, CON 403).

Magbibigay ng mga kopya ng balota at tagubilin kapag hiniling. Maaari ninyong hilinging makita ang kopya ng balota para sa wikang ginagamit sa Sentro ng Serbisyo para sa Botante, na nakalista sa inyong pahina sa mga Tagubilin sa Pagboto.

## Mga Botante ng Pagboto sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo

Maaari kayong humiling ng kopya ng balota sa isa sa mga wikang magagamit:

Sa Pamamagitan ng Telepono: 805-781-5228

Sa Pamamagitan ng E-Mail: [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

Sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Sa Personal: Sa Opisina ng Klerk na Tagapagtala  
sa 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San  
Luis Obispo o 6565 Capistrano  
Avenue (Ika-2 palapag), Atascadero

Online: [www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance)

## Teknolohiya ng Balota sa Wikang Spanish

Sa tulong ng nagagamit na teknolohiya sa pagmarka ng balota (mga ICX na makina sa pagboto), ang karanasan sa pagboto sa wikang Spanish ay makakatulong sa mga botante sa pagpili at pagmarka sa kanilang mga balota. Magagamit ang mga ito sa opisina ng Klerk ng County-Tagapagtala simula ika-5 ng Oktubre, at sa lahat ng Sentro ng Serbisyo para sa Botante simula Oktubre 31 – ika-3 ng Nobyembre, Araw ng Halalan.

# WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED

1. Ballot arrives after the deadline.
2. The VBM Return Envelope is not signed.
3. The signature on the VBM Return Envelope does not match the signature on the voter's Affidavit of Registration.
4. The ballot is returned without the I.D. Return Envelope.

**VBM Cure Process:** New legislation requires the Election Office to send letters to voters who forgot to sign their return envelope or whose signatures did not match their signatures on file so their ballots can be validated and counted.

**VOTE-BY-MAIL LOOK-UP ON THE WEB:** Check the status of your returned VBM ballot on the Internet at:  
[www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)

**For the latest updates, follow us on Facebook:**

 [facebook.com/slocountyclerkrec](https://facebook.com/slocountyclerkrec)

## TRACK YOUR BALLOT



You can track and receive notifications via email, SMS (text), or voice message on the status of your VBM ballot. Sign-up at:

[WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov)